

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph on page 9, line 21 through page 10, line 13, with the following replacement paragraph:

An advantage of the loader/attachment assembly 12 is the ability to hide or conceal the hydraulic cylinder lines that operate the hydraulic cylinders. The hydraulic cylinder lines can be hidden within the boom arms 24 and 26. The lift cylinder 46 and the attachment cylinder 48 can be provided as single end ported cylinders when they are ported at one end. For example, the attachment cylinder 48 can be ported at the first attachment cylinder end 68, and lift cylinder 46 can be ported at the second lift cylinder end 62. Accordingly, the hydraulic lines that operate the cylinders can extend through the left boom 24 and the right boom 26, and the lines can communicate between the booms by passing through at least one of the boom connectors. For example, the lift cylinder hydraulic lines can pass through the left boom arm 42 and pass through the boom connector 28 and through the right boom arm to operate the right lift cylinder. Similarly, the attachment cylinder hydraulic lines can pass through the right boom arm and through the boom connector 30 and into the left boom arm 42 to operate the left attachment cylinder 48. The construction of the hydraulic cylinders and the placement of hydraulic lines within the boom arms are described in U.S. Application Serial No. ~~_____ (attorney reference number 12295-11US01)~~ 10/719,677 filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 21, 2003, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference. It should be appreciated that although single end ported cylinders can be used to minimize stress on the hydraulic lines when they extend through the left boom 24 and the right boom 26 and to reduce the length of hydraulic lines needed, conventional hydraulic cylinders can alternatively be used and the hydraulic lines can be connected to both ends of the hydraulic cylinders.